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*The Legacy Project: Dramatists Talk About Their Work*. Vol. 1. 10 vols. color. 475 min.  
Jeremy Levine & Landon Majzlin, Transient Pictures, dist. by Filmmakers Library:  
Alexander Street, [www.filmakers.com](http://www.filmakers.com). 2012. DVD

*The Legacy Project* is a sort-of oral history of many of America's leading creative forces on and off Broadway. The ten-volume set pairs emerging writers of their generation with longtime proven and published talents and adds a great amount of insight to the resulting effort. These are the titans of American theater, both in drama and the musical. Some are immediately known by name, Edward Albee, Stephen Sondheim, John Kander. Others, though well known in theater communities, are better identified by their work: Jerry Bock, Joe Stein, and Sheldon Harnick, *Fiddler on the Roof*; Lee Adams, *Bye Bye Birdie*; Arthur Laurents, *Gypsy*, *West Side Story*, the film *The Way We Were*. The interviews are not static talking heads but wisely include award speeches and take place in motion, such as in moving cars, walking down streets, etc., which make them much more interesting and a match to the wit and intelligence of the content. The entire project became possible through a grant received by the Dramatists Guild Fund. Its subsequent care and integrity of production is apparent throughout. VERDICT This is a successful, serious effort to capture and document American theater history, a part of American culture recognized and respected worldwide. One hopes there will be more to come. An essential purchase.,

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